

**A
Merry
Christmas
and a
Season of Happiness
Is our best wishes
to
Our Friends
Frankel's
BUSY STORE
INCORPORATED**

**Christmas
Greetings**

Again comes the Happy Time of
the year when we can extend to our
friends

Season's Best Wishes

May this CHRISTMAS DAY be the
merriest you have ever known.

**J. H. Anderson
COMPANY
(Incorporated)**

**To The Business
Men of Hopkinsville.**

I do not claim to be a prophet or the son of a prophet, and I dislike to say, "I told you so," but nevertheless, there is no getting around facts. Something like a year ago called the attention of the business men of Hopkinsville through the papers, of the urgent need for homes for the people of Hopkinsville and I predicted at that time, that in less than a few months there would be no place for a newcomer to live within the confines of this city. I know some of the wise ones said that it's all a flurry, property will get cheaper, building material must be cheaper and in a short time there will be a slump on the market and plenty of houses to be had. Now one more year has gone and no houses built with the exception of a few individuals who built their own homes but **NONE TO RENT.**

We have already lost a number of good citizens who would have located with us if it were possible to find them a home. There is hardly a day that this office does not have inquiries from someone wanting to locate in our city if it were possible to find them as much as a few rooms to live in, and yet, it seems to those who have money to invest have turned a deaf ear to this plea until they are facing the most serious condition that the business men of Hopkinsville have ever had to contend with.

As shown by the writer's recent investigation of the Banks and Trust Companies in this city, they have combined resources of more than \$4,500,000.00, with deposits of more than \$3,500,000.00, and yet, this money is lying idly in the vaults of the banks with people begging every day for some where to live, willing to pay enormous rents.

Speaking conservatively, we have a population of more than thirteen thousand people. We should not have less than 25,000; but if somebody will tell me how we are going to grow without homes to live in, I would like to have the gentleman give me this information.

Now, I know a great deal has been said about the high cost of building and building materials but I am sure if any man contemplates building and would make an investigation of this matter, he will certainly find that there is no possibility of building material being any cheaper for years to come, if ever. The fact is that it is the general opinion, that it will continue to go higher.

The writer had occasion to attend a meeting in Chicago a few weeks ago which was composed of delegates from Chambers of Commerce, Board of Trades, Rotary Clubs and other civic organizations, Highway Engineers, Contractors and Manufacturers, in all forty-four states were represented by more than one thousand representatives, and the matter of supply, demand, prices, etc., of building materials was gone into very thoroughly, reports filed and all the information possible was brought before this body and the consensus of opinion was that building materials could not possibly for years to come, be any cheaper. The fact is that the Chicago Brick Manufacturers' Association has increased its prices, taking effect January 1, 1920, one dollar per thousand on bricks.

I had an occasion to talk with one Mr. W. C. Kirkpatrick, who represents the Brick Manufacturers' Association of Chicago, and who is a man of wide experience and has made the brick business a study for years as well as other building materials; and he is of the opinion that the present generation will not live to see prices lowered on any of these commodities.

Now we must have homes; houses have to be built not only to satisfy the man who thinks that he must have a little finer home than the other fellow, but something has to be done to take care of the renter and the new-comer.

You talk about bringing new people to the town and increase the population without home to live in,

it is like inviting a guest to your home without a guest room.

I hope to have this matter immediately taken up by the members of the Business Men's Association and insist on a Building Home Campaign started, but however, do not depend on the members of the Business Men's Association doing every thing.

There are some of you people who have money to invest, probably a good many own lots, and it is up to you to build houses. As a business proposition, where could you invest your money in a more profitable or safer way? If one half of the money that has been taken out of Hopkinsville and Christian county during the past year, 1919, on Wild Cat stock schemes had been placed in homes, this condition would not exist; the people who want to come here would have somewhere to lay their heads; therefore,

I earnestly appeal to you to make an investigation of the need of homes in this city and get behind a movement to build more houses.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,
GARNER E. DALTON, Sec.
Hopkinsville Business Men's Ass'n.

DIRECTOR SMITH

Rev. E. S. Smith, of this city, has been appointed a district director of the campaign which Transylvania College, oldest educational institution west of the Alleghenies, will conduct beginning the first of January for funds to place it on the same plane as other denominational institutions, to enable it to hold its professors and make needed improvements in the building of the college.

Dr. Crossfield has estimated that the college will need within the next year \$897,000 and that its needs for the next five year in the way of endowment will be \$2,397,000 if Transylvania is to keep up with the progressive institutions of the other churches.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Louise Eager, of Louisville, is visiting Mrs. B. F. Eager.

James Stites, of Louisville, with his parents.

Luther Cowherd from Detroit.
Mrs. Clayton Dagg Richards, from Nashville.

Mrs. Hugh Wood and children at D. W. Kitchen's.

Mrs. Henry Stites and children, of Atlanta at Judge James Breathitt's.

Hudson McReynolds, from Polatka, Fla.

GRIP FOR THE JUDGE

The Busy Men's Bible Class of the Christian church, on Sunday morning presented the teacher, Judge C. H. Bush with a handsome leather traveling grip. The presentation was made by J. B. Allensworth.

**RESIGNS AT
CYNTHIANA**

Rev. Joseph D. Armistead has resigned as pastor of the Christian Church, at Cynthiana, Ky., to accept a call to Hannibal, Mo. Mr. Armistead is a Hopkinsville boy whose rise to prominence in his chosen calling has been rapid and most gratifying to his friends here.

PURELY PERSONAL

Geo. C. Long, Jr., from Oklahoma, is visiting his parents.

Mrs. F. B. Lacy has gone to San Antonio, Tex., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Dixon.

Mrs. D. M. Spears and little daughter, of Bowling Green, are visiting Mr. W. A. Wilson's family.

Joe C. Slaughter has arrived to spend the week with his father Chas. Slaughter.

**Christmas
Greetings**

We take this occasion to thank you for your loyal support during the past year.

It is only through your co-operation that we grow and prosper.

Heartily we wish you
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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TODAY

"Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men" has a new and greater meaning.

And may we all so live that at all times we can enjoy to the utmost the many blessings that are ours.

**Cook & Hall
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